GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1389
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SUPREME COURT JUDGEMENT ON ANGANWADI AND ICDS
Purandeswari Smt. Daggubati

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India in two separate judgements on April 29, 2004 and October 7, 2004 have directed that all sanctioned Anganwadi Centres and all sanctioned projects/programmes for Integrated Child Development Schemes should be made fully operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to implement fully these directives of the Supreme Court and success achieved in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a Public Interest Litigation (WP No. 196/2001) filed by PUCL, the Supreme Court, in its order dated 29.4.2004, has, inter-alia, directed that the sanctioned Anganwadi Centres shall be made fully operational by 30th June, 2004.

In its further order dated 7th October, 2004, the Supreme Court, inter-alia, directed that all sanctioned Projects shall be operationalized forthwith.

(c) There has been constant emphasis on States to operationalise all sanctioned Projects and Anganwadi Centres. As a result of concerted efforts and constant follow-up with the States, the number of operational Projects has increased from 5267 as on 31.3.2004 to 5422 as on 31.3.2005. Similarly, number of operational Anganwadi Centres has increased from 649307 to 706872 during the same period.